

## A GREAT COAL MINE ON FIRE

**THE COMBUSTION CAUSED IN TRYING  
TO DRIVE OUT POISONOUS GAS**

**Miners Caught by the Flame and Smoke. And**

RODAS, R.A., Aug. 7—A line exceptionally large and entering coal town of Shenandoah reached the surface of the mine when it was discovered that the mammoth vein in the Keely run colliery was on fire, and that no one knew how to put it out on account of the peculiar location of the mine. Last Tuesday went Jonathan Wasley, Superintendent of the ill-fated colliery; Frank Willman, the inside foreman, and John Reese, Superintendent of the Reading coal and iron collieries, went down to the mine along with a number of men of varying ability to do our best means of ventilating the mine workings. They were scarcely reached the gangway when all three were suffocated with white damp. Mine Inspector Parton and ex-Mine Inspector Edmunds said that it was caused by a quantity of coal dirt that had been dumped

break in question was made when all the coal in a certain part of the mines was taken out. It was 125 yards deep and about 75 yards wide, and at one time contained a deposit of 1,000 tons of coal. It was several months to fill the break with coal dirt and other material, and even then it was not possible, and water can scarcely flow through it.

This is the spot that generated white damp and carbon dioxide gas, and it was necessary to relieve the mine of this death-dealing agency, air rushed to the coal dirt and spontaneous combustion was prevented.

Men went to work as usual this morning, but their breasts the cry of "fire" roused, and they rushed to the surface.

They found the gangway. The panic that gripped the mind of the men was such that the workmen fled through the mine toward the bottom of the slope crazed with fear. Smoke and flames were everywhere, and the air was so hot after another dropped into the gutters and the men were crying "thoma" (fire) in loud, hoarse voices. "Come on," and help to the rescue.

Several men, at the risk of their lives, went to the bottom of the slope, and began digging, sweating and writhing in agony. The fire in the old break was increasing in strength, and the smoke was thicker.

The top of the slope was surrounded with traps, eagerly waiting for the arrival of their friends.

"Be calm," shouted a mine official. "No rushing."

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suburbs of the town. Mr. Thomas, one of the owners, will not here rest, and no decided action will be taken until he arrives. Introducing long pipes and running steam from the city, he suggested, and one or two fancy plans originating with theoretical accountants have already been discussed, but old time ideas may be the only way to put a mine fire out is to flood the mine with water. The process will, no doubt, be adopted in the end, but the same are already being used in mines in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, making for full particulars. This calamity, however, is the first of the kind ever known in the coal fields of the United States.

**DROPPED ON AN AWNING.**

**A Singular Accident to an Employee of the Elevated Railroad.**

At 9:25 o'clock last evening George Jackson, of 34 Gansevoort street, with two friends, was standing near the corner of Greenwich and Gansevoort streets under the down track of the elevated car. As a train rushed by they heard a heavy crash on the wooden awning of the grocery store at 34 Gansevoort street, and they saw the body of a man bounded from the awning into the street.

He was unconscious when they picked him up. He was dressed in an old black coat, a blue frock, and brown overalls, and his age was about 40 years. He was taken to the Manhattan Railway. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he remained unconscious until noon. He is now in bed, but it is believed to be internally injured.

The officers of the company at Christopher street thought it best to remove the body of the man here. It is not known whether he fell from the train or from the track.

**Attempted suicide in a barroom.**  
A man about 23 years old entered the barroom at 249 Mercer street yesterday, and called for a glass of beer. Before it was given to him he changed his

a while he called for another glass of soda water. Soon afterward he seemed to fall asleep, but no attention was paid to him until he fell from the chair and lay as though in a stupor. Then it was seen

**Captain Williams's News.**

Shore Inspector Hopkins has not granted any permit for the passage of Capt. Williams's coveys through the Narrows today. There are a number of loaded scows at anchor in Gravesend Bay which will be passing the Narrows tomorrow morning. The street cleaning department will follow unless the police deem it wise to allow them to pass. It is necessary to dump five or six new loads every day, so he does not know yet what will be done in the matter.

**Accused of Trying to Steal Information.**  
Joseph Norecher, aged 37, who is employed in W. S. Tyler's wire works in Cleveland, Ohio, was yesterday afternoon arrested in French's Hotel on a charge of burglariously entering the wire cloth works of J. H. Twiss, 1211 Broadway, and stealing from them a quantity of wire cloth being, it is alleged, to obtain information for his employers, relative to the manufacture of wire cloth.

**Death of the Knight of Kerry.**  
LONDON, Aug. 9.—Sir Peter George Fitzgerald, commonly known as the "Black But of Kerry," died at Valencia Island on Saturday last. He was equally renowned for the interest he took in the success of the Atlantic cables. The Queen had recently conferred a baronetcy on him.

At Hudnut's Pharmacy at 3 A. M. 69°; 6. 68\*;  
9, 72°; 12 M., 79°; 3 P. M. 87°; 6. 91°; 9. 79°; 12, 71°.

**Signal Office Prediction.**  
For the Middle Atlantic States, increasing  
cloudiness, possibly occasional rain, with westerly winds,  
stationary temperature, stationary or lower barometer.

When hair grows stay. "Hair Revivum" has the ele-